

OUR CONFEDERATE COLUMN



The Best Battle Abbey.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—The following resolution was offered in committee of the United Confederate Veterans. It was not read to the convention at the reunion in Richmond. Perhaps it ought to have been.

"Whereas, the soldier of the army of the Confederate States was, by the fortune of war, deprived of any official acknowledgment of his patriotic services in token of the devotion with which he offered his life and fortune in defense of his State, now he is resolved, by the Association of United Confederate Veterans, in convention assembled, that it be recommended upon each State of the South which acknowledged the government of the Confederate States and sent its sons into the field in its behalf to recognize the chivalrous and self-sacrificing conduct of each of its soldiers by an appropriate memento, duly reciting the services of such soldier, and formally certified under the arms and seal of the State by its adjutant-general or other competent officer."

To any thoughtful person reviewing the battered veterans in line on the occasion of this Confederate reunion matter of recognition will be presented when it is considered that no one of them has received in recognition of his faithful services during the war any material evidence thereof, either from the government of the Confederate States or from the State which recognized that government and sent him into the field to withstand the invading hosts.

In the families, where ancestors were soldiers of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Florida War, the Mexican War, some evidence is preserved of the patriotic service of such ancestor in the form of a medal, commission, certificate of honorable discharge, or other authorized memento of his action from the general government, or that of his State, and it is not too much to say that this official memento constitutes a revered and treasured heirloom of the family—the only heirloom which, in this democratic country, it can show in full confidence

of appreciation by the patriotic citizen.

In all times such family signals have been regarded with especial care, and they have had much to do with the great advance of the Anglo-Saxon race along the difficult road of independence which speaks to the heart of the member of this race, because it is the sign of the family—his home—the foundation element of the government of his country.

These have supplemented and reinforced the public songs, recitals and epigrams of gallant and patriotic ancestral deeds, which were wont to stir the hearts of the people in tribal condition, even from the time of Caradoc, the bard.

Our Southern people are not unmindful of our dead soldiers, and their resting-places are cared for with tears and flowers and marked with honor. Monuments are erected over our great leaders showing the reverence in which we hold their memory, and while such monuments may be in questionable taste in God's acre, there can be no doubt of the warm feeling and true spirit of those who placed them in position.

These public memorials point not only to our heroic dead, but also indicate in a mystic way the hope, the wish, the determination it may be, that the great sacrifice offered upon the altar of this country for the Lost Cause shall not pass out of mind and be forever forgotten.

For so we are revising histories and establishing museums and building a Battle Abbey to certain memorials all for reminding our children and their descendants when they read these textbooks, see these memorials, or visit the Battle Abbey.

Yet if we place on each veteran—in each soldier's family—an heirloom or memento of undoubted authority, evidence of his active participation in those times in which men's patriotic souls were tried, and in which this soldier was not wanting, we will build a Battle Abbey in every family and keep forever green in its every heart the memory of his glorious deeds and of their incentive in that great cause of right for which he gave freely all that he had.

It might have been, in view of the foregoing, that if this resolution had been read to the convention it would have received decided action.

E. W. ANDERSON.

U. C. M. Camp, No. 1191.

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More proof that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saves women from surgical operations.

Mrs. S. A. Williams, of Gardiner, Maine, writes:

"I was a great sufferer from female troubles, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored me to health in three months, after my physician declared that an operation was absolutely necessary."

Mrs. Alvina Spierling, of 154 Cleybourne Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I suffered from female troubles, a tumor and much inflammation. Two of the best doctors in Chicago decided that an operation was necessary to save my life. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound entirely cured me without an operation."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

ly over the deck. We succeeded in fighting our way through with the prize in tow without the slightest injury to either, and gratefully attribute our escape to something more than chance or human agency.

We knew that the large steamer was struck once and a smaller steamer twice by our shot; the former was reported seriously injured. The prize is a large schooner, her hull coated with zinc and filled with water for Fortress Monroe.

To one familiar with the surroundings, this was one of the most daring feats accomplished during the war. First Attempt to Blow Up a Ship With a Floating Torpedo.

On October 10, 1861, Lieutenant R. B. Minor, Confederate States Navy, made the first attempt that we have any record of to blow up a ship with a floating torpedo; his plans were crude, yet reasonable. Leaving the steamer Patrick Henry, which had dropped down to within a mile and a half of the United States vessels blockading James River—the night being dark, rainy and with considerable breeze, just the night when sailors seek shelter and are less vigilant—Lieutenant Minor, with two ship's boats, pulled down the James. When within 600 yards of the Federal ships he ceased pulling and drifted with an ebb-tide. When in sight of the shipping he arranged his two magazines, as he called them, containing 250 pounds of powder each, and connected by a rope. He set them adrift about 200 yards above the shipping and pulled back to the Patrick Henry. His theory was that the line would strike the ship's bow, and this would bring the torpedoes about midships on both sides of the ship, and that the concussion of the torpedoes as they struck

plished the object of his attack, to find out the calibre of their guns.

W. F. Lynch, with his Little Fleet, Recaptured the French Corvette Pronty.

On the night of November 4, 1861, during the gale the French corvette Pronty, of six guns and a crew of about 160 men and officers, went ashore at Ocracoke Inlet, coast of North Carolina, and fired rockets and signal guns every half-hour. Captain Lynch, lying inside, heard those guns of distress, and when daylight came and he saw the steamer lying in the breakers, although it was at great risk to go outside, with the enemy's gunboats patrolling the coast, he, with that feeling that alone permeates the breast of the sailor, to risk life to save life, sent two of his small gunboats out to the Frenchman and brought him ashore safely, and sent them to Norfolk, where the crew and one officer were quartered on the receiving ship United States, while the other officers went to the hotel. At the time the writer was one of those twelve midshipmen on the States, and speaks from personal knowledge. But before going into the hospitality shown by the officers of the States to these castaway Frenchmen, we desire to call attention to the conduct of the United States navy officers, as told by the captain of the Pronty. At page 339, Official Reports of the Union and Confederate Navies, Commodore Goldsboro, reports to the department at Washington. Speaking of the crew of the Pronty he says: "They were brought from Ocracoke to Norfolk by an armed steamer of the Insurgents. I regret to say he complained to me that our vessels, which had communicated with him seaward and were still not far off, did not respond to his signals of distress, although repeated every half-hour during the night, a gun and fireworks."

In the same volume, that is volume 6, we find the report of Captain R. W. Verden, of the United States Navy, to Commodore Goldsboro, in which he says:

"On the morning of the 5th inst. it was reported to me that two steamers of the enemy were in sight outside of the inlet to the southwest. I at once detached the steamers Underwriter, Putnam, Ceres and ferry-boat Ellen and two O. M. boats to capture them. They did not discover the enemy, but instead the French side-wheel steamer of war, the Pronty, inside the breakers ashore at Ocracoke. They were not able to render assistance, and returned to this anchorage next morning. That anchorage was hazardous. Now they could render no assistance. Why? On account of heavy seas; yet Lynch's small boat could weather that sea and take off these men. But we leave the humanity of the situation to the public judge. I venture that the risk of his vessels being captured went to the rescue. The United States gunboats, with no such fear, refused to go. Well, with 140 Frenchmen, none of whom could speak English, and twelve midshipmen, none of whom could speak French, to entertain them on the frigate United States. I say old frigate, for this old battered hull had once echoed to the tread of Decatur, and had sustained her reputation when she fought and captured the Macedonian, English frigate, in the War of 1812. Like an old man, she was now a hulk, but like a young man, she had once done excellent duty. Well, we got along all right until dinner time came, when we wondered what here ever was destined to do. The officer, never calculating what we had done, had done in France. We had a couple of French dictionaries aboard, but while they may be all right in theory they were not worth a dime in practice. Our caterer, Dan Lee, came on deck and announced dinner.

Midshipman Trigg approached the French officer with what he had just gotten from the French and English lexicon, and what he said to the officer sounded something like in Danish or, but with his Irish brogue, it fell harmlessly on the French officer, and he simply smiled. Midshipman McDaniell, our poet, put his finger to his mouth and pointed to the hatch, but no go; that Frenchman could not be moved by any such tactics. What could we do? The indications were starvation, with plenty of the ship, and that the concussion of the torpedoes as they struck

the ship would explode them. But for some cause his mechanism failed, and as no mention is made of them in the United States reports, the probability is that the torpedoes sunk before reaching the ship.

At this point I do not think it amiss to call the reader's attention to the fact that while our Yankee friends have the reputation of being the greatest inventors in the world, that credit is due the Confederate States naval officers for devising the first ironclad ship, the first torpedoes, and to a Confederate at Mobile, Ala., of inventing the first submarine boat. From these crude beginnings, we now have a perfected system that is used by the world.

Captain J. R. Tucker Takes the Guns of the Patrick Henry.

On December 2, 1861, Captain Tucker, commanding the Patrick Henry, with a view to test his and his adversaries' guns, steamed from his anchorage at Mulberry Point, James River, to about two miles above Newport News, where were four or five United States vessels, blockading the river. At 4 o'clock A. M. he opened fire upon them with his port broadside and bow pivot, and expended twenty-eight shells, and thirteen solid shot, his vessel was hit once and two men slightly wounded. According to Federal reports no harm done on their side, but Tucker accom-

only a few minutes when we were assembled around the midshipman's table. We had a first-class dinner. Norfolk market always gives you what you want. Towards the conclusion of the Frenchman said something which we did not understand, most of us being Irish decent; but the consul translated it to the effect that in the French navy they always had wine for dinner. I looked at Dan, and that usual sunny smile was gone. I had never heard of wine as a part of the custom, but I whispered to him, how about North Carolina corn; for we had a supply of that in those days. A grog ration was issued, and with the capture of the Norfolk Navy Yard, we got many

Dan took the hint and our steward soon had each tumbler filled with the extract of North Carolina corn. We had no wine glasses. This seemed to please our French friend, and he across, glass in hand, and proposed a toast, which none of us understood, and he was made out that we knew what he was proposing, he drank about half of his tumbler, threw it down, and exclaimed, "Mon Dieu." We never could convince that fellow that we had not attempted to poison him. Even the explanation of the French consul was of no avail, and he kept aloof from us until he left us, but we could not make his stay with us pleasant.

To be continued next Sunday.

The Times-Dispatch GENEALOGICAL COLUMN



Bernard.



Bernard Family.

(No. 243.)

The Bernard family has been mentioned before as established by Richard Bernard in York county, Va., 1645, but there can be much more said of them, though their escutcheon is very unpretending, without crest or motto; yet in referring to their English history we find that it reaches back even to St. Bernard of the twelfth century. The present family, which we traced is said to be a branch of Duke John Bernard, of Saxe-Weimar. His fourth son was a valiant knight in the Swedish army, and afterwards assumed the title and died 1639.

The early Bernards in Virginia were Richard and Robert, probably brothers. Then we find among the Colonial militia the names of Allen, Joseph, Thomas and William Bernard, sons and grandsons of the progenitors.

Though Richard Bernard first settled in York county, the family did not reside there long, for after the year 1700 their names disappeared from court records, and we find them in James City, and gradually moving to the upper counties. In 1719 the Rev. Samuel Bernard attended William and Mary College at a convocation of all the ministers in the colony. He, with Richard Bernard, then located in King George, where most of the descendants were found during the eighteenth century. In 1748 William Bernard, married Mary Fleming, daughter of Woodruff Fleming, of Goochland county, from which union with that celebrated family were many descendants, who entered the upper counties of Albemarle, Nelson, etc. In glancing over some of the old marriage records of some of the old marriage records with some King George, their union with some of the most distinguished families at the time is striking. On April 13, that day is family of which we have seen Thomas Bernard married Frances T. Stith, daughter of Drury Stith, and near relative to President William Stith, of William and Mary College.

On December 23, 1804, William Bernard married Elizabeth, daughter of Spotsylvania county, and direct descendants from Colonel Moore Fauntleroy, of Colonial fame. On July 14, 1805, Thornton Bernard, said to be brother of William, married Elizabeth, daughter of one of the old Lancashire families, and of near relation to the great George Washington. We see the Bernards hold the honor of being connected with the most literary and famous of the day.

Edward Bernard, who died in 1802, Thornton Bernard, one of that numerous family in King George; thus we can but wonder that the family name was not more numerous in that and surrounding counties. One of the sons of William Bernard (2) intermarried with the Sears family, of whom was William Bernard Sears, who, in 1773, assisted General Washington and his army in the erection of old Pohick Church in its erection and completion. He seems to have been a skilled and noted engraver, and was an ornamental work, and was paid \$58.19 for carved work done on the new church, and also gilding the same. (See "Touro Parish," recently issued by the Rev. E. L. Goodwin.)

It is impossible to trace the Bernards

Losers 40 Pounds of Flesh in 40 Days.

Rengo, the Great Fat Reducer, Brings Happiness to Battle Creek Woman.

As an ordinary illustration of the wonderful results of "Rengo," mention is made of the case of Mrs. Ada L. Erskine, who lives at 33 East Main Street, Battle Creek, Mich. Here is her loss in weight, bust and measurements:

Before. After. Weight—237 pounds 197 pounds Bust—34 inches 34 inches Waist—34 inches 34 inches

The following is written by Mrs. Erskine to the Rengo Co. at the end of only 40 days' treatment: "I can hardly believe my eyes when I look at myself now and realize how fat and unsightly I was not over two months ago. I feel as though I was in a new world. I feel so light and quick, and I did not miss a day's work. I started it with little hope that I could ever get thin by it, because I failed to take so many other things and failed to look at myself now and realize how fat and unsightly I was not over two months ago. I feel as though I was in a new world. I feel so light and quick, and I did not miss a day's work. I started it with little hope that I could ever get thin by it, because I failed to take so many other things and failed to look at myself now and realize how fat and unsightly I was not over two months ago. I feel as though I was in a new world. I feel so light and quick, and I did not miss a day's work. 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